

GARBAGE CONTRACT BIDS DEMANDED COUNCIL BUS ACTION DELAY RAPPED

Riviera Action Sought

"Delaying tactics" was the charge made by Hollywood Riviera residents to the recommendation at the last City Council meeting of Councilman Willys Blount, head of the Transportation Commission, that the group make a survey as to routes, number of runs, specific times, and number of days desired concerning the Hollywood Riviera bus line.

The Hollywood Riviera line of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines was cancelled several weeks ago on a motion by Councilman Harvey Spelman, who was elected largely by the votes of the people in that area.

Hundreds of residents of the area have been fighting to restore the line.

CONSIDER CHANGES

The Riviera residents will hold a meeting within the next week, according to Mrs. Donald Whit-

Percy Voted Jr. Chamber State V-P

Howard Percy, Torrance realtor, was elected State vice president of the California Junior Chamber for District 12 by a unanimous decision at the balloting held Monday night, April 30 at the Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse.

A charter president of the Torrance Junior Chamber, Percy defeated his opponent Joe Edinger, president of the Wilmington Jaycees. Junior chambers making up District 12 include San Pedro, Torrance, El Segundo, Wilmington, Inglewood, Gardena, Redondo Beach.

Percy is also the State chairman for the War Memorial Building at Tulsa, Okla., which houses the national executive offices.

ATTENDS CONVENTION

Torrance Jaycees planning to attend the State Conference of the California Junior Chamber May 2, 4, and 5 include Velko Miletich, Howard Percy, Barry Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Karlow and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peckham. The state president will be elected at this convention.

George Post Named U. S. Bond Chairman

George Post of the Torrance National Bank has been appointed chairman of the Torrance U. S. Defense Bond Committee, succeeding Robert McCallum, who resigned recently after having headed up Savings Bonds activities in this area for several years.

The announcement was made by J. B. Messick, State Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division, who presented the new chairman with a certificate of appointment signed by Secretary of the Treasury Snyder. Messick commended the retiring chairman, McCallum, for his "valued contribution of time and energy to the U. S. Savings Bonds program."

Post, who has been active in various community projects, announced that the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a member, has voted to give him its active support in all Defense Bond activities.

A nationwide effort to acceler-



NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICERS . . . of the Torrance Moose Lodge are pictured above. The installation was held last Sunday afternoon, April 29 at the Moose hall in Torrance. New officers are, left to right: H. West, outer guard; Stanley Heiman, junior governor; J. Evan, secretary; T. Sawyer, treasurer; F. Bell, prelate; Dan Desmond, junior past governor; George Powell, governor; M. Cook, sergeant-at-arms; Joe Platt, inner guard; H. Blackburn, trustee; and A. Ahlgren, trustee. Acting as installing officer was G. Smith.

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Lawsuit Ordered on Streets

City Attorney James Hall has been given the "go ahead" signal to sue the Dominguez Land Company and its successors to determine the rights to street and sidewalks in the central Torrance area.

The City Council's action in suing the company is said to be motivated by desire of the ruling four to install parking meters on the curbs of the city.

The property on which the walks and streets exist was dedicated for that purpose only, it is contended by representatives of the land company. If parking meters are installed, they want one-fourth of the profits from them.

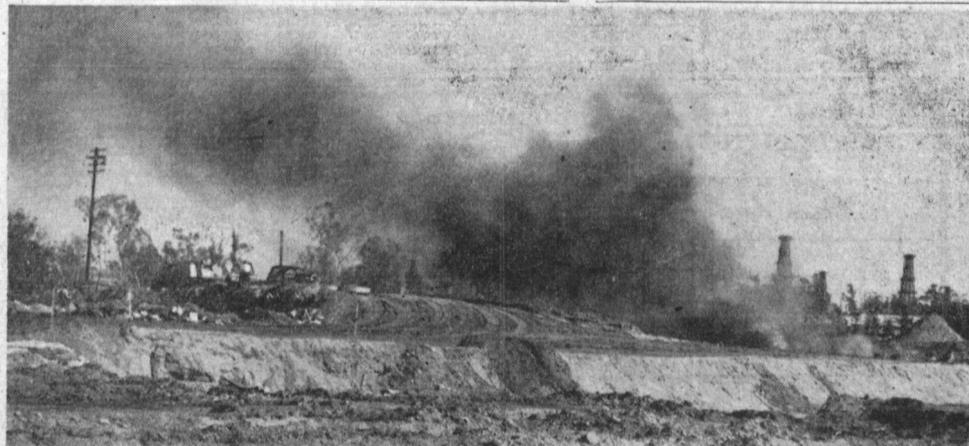
The "friendly" lawsuit would determine the rights of the city to the property involved. As at present constituted, the dedicated properties would revert to the land company if streets and walks ever were vacated, it was said.

Storm Victim Washed Ashore At Beach Here

Washed ashore on the Torrance Beach last Monday morning, an apparent victim of the wind and rain storm which whipped its way through Torrance last weekend, was the body of Frank Wilbur "Bud" Uhler, 42, caretaker of the Barge Master, Retriever, for the last six years.

Uhler, a resident of Redondo Beach, was evidently washed overboard when the barge, tied off shore at Redondo Beach, broke loose of its mooring lines.

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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE — The above photo of the city dump was taken Friday, April 27. According to City Manager George Stevens, there has not been burning of refuse at the city dump for many months. "Once in a while, by accident, the dump will

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Raise Seen in Collection Cost

The prospect that the City of Torrance may negotiate a new garbage and rubbish hauling contract without benefit of calling for bids loomed this week, as rumors persisted that the present contractor, George Green, would be awarded a price of 40 cents per home per month for such collections.

The present rate is 25 cents per home, and Green has asked for 40 cents for each home.

However, according to Councilman Nick Draie, it is possible that the City Council may be planning to renew the Green contract at the higher rate without giving other contractors an opportunity to bid on the business.

If Green were awarded 40 cents per home per month, it would mean a cost to the taxpayers of about \$40,000 a year for rubbish and garbage collection.

The present contract, based on the 25 cents per home figure, is \$23,500 for the year 1950-51.

The garbage is fed to hogs on the Green ranch, and cans and bottles are disposed of on the contractor's property by the cut and cover system.

That there will be protests against awarding the contract without calling for bids was the prediction of Draie.

The contract expires July 1, 1951.

'51 Building Total Hits \$4,861,268

With the building permit total for the year thus far of \$4,861,268, a pace of more than \$1,000,000 a month has been maintained for the month of April, totals to \$1,197,688, according to the city building inspector's office.

These figures are slightly less than the record totals for the same periods last year: \$1,429,085 for April, 1950, and \$5,091,912 for the first four months of 1950.

Largest construction projects begun last month were the 69-home \$483,000 development on 190th st. and Crenshaw Blvd. by the January Co., and the 45-home \$338,200 development by Gardena Valley Homes, Inc., in North Torrance.

New home-building permits were issued last week to Anthony Maniscalchi to construct two \$12,500 residences, one at 135 Camino de los Colinas and the other at 201 Camino de los Colinas.

John E. Dooley was granted permission to build a \$9200 residence at 1226 Portola ave., and R. E. Buroc received a permit to construct a \$6800 home at 2418 Los Codonas.

City Shuns Pioneer's Memory

Narbonne avenue, named after the late Torrance-Lomita pioneer, Daniel Narbonne, is to be changed to Arlington avenue within the city limits of Torrance, it has been decided by the City Council.

The thoroughfare, now called Narbonne avenue from Sepulveda boulevard to the southern city limits, is known as Arlington avenue elsewhere within the city. It becomes Narbonne avenue again in Lomita.

Several years ago steps were taken by Inglewood officials to rename the entire thoroughfare

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Kindergarten Round-Up Dates Announced

Dates for the annual PTA Spring Round-Up for Torrance Unified School District kindergarten students have been set for this month at the various elementary schools, announced Warren Hamilton, director of Child Welfare and Attendance.

Parents are asked to call the school and make an appointment to bring their kindergarten-age children for examination by the school doctor and for enrollment on the dates listed below. It has also been arranged for

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45 Trophies For Youth Band Parade

Forty-five shining new trophies will be presented to winners in the various classes of competition in the Torrance Area Youth Band's Fifth Annual Band Benefit Parade to be staged in Torrance on Saturday afternoon, May 19, announced James Van Dyck, director.

Trophies will be awarded to first place winners in twelve equestrian divisions and to first and second place winners in bands, marching groups, Baton Corps, Floats, etc. Aside from the trophies, which are valued at over \$400, there will be \$150.00 worth of ribbons awarded to first, second, and third place winners in all equestrian divisions. Classes of competition in the Equestrian divisions include Parade Horse Class, Silver Single (men), Silver Single (women), Silver Pairs, Typical Cowboy, Typical Cowgirl, Matched Pairs, Mounted Group (western), Spanish Singles (men), Spanish Singles (women), Outstanding Authentic Costume, and Mounted

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ALONDRA LOSS CITED BY DRALE

The City of Torrance will lose the benefit of having some \$2,000,000 worth of improvements called "its own," at no cost, and no expense for upkeep, if the City Council majority of four continues to yield to the pressure of "large taxpayers" and fails to go ahead with annexation of Alondra Park.

Not only is the park "available" to Torrance — under a county promise to keep up maintenance of the golf course, swimming pool, and clubhouse — but hundreds of residents north of the park want to come into Torrance.

And other cities have their "eyes" on the park, for annexation purposes, including Inglewood, Hawthorne and Gardena, it was said.

Councilman Nick Draie, the lone champion of Alondra Park annexation, pointed to the recent

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Oil Refinery Huge Plant Unit Started

Construction of a \$26,000,000 gasoline and fuel oil manufacturing project at Union Oil Company's Wilmington refinery is well underway, according to E. B. Palmer, plant manager.

Palmer also said that between 500 to 600 persons will be employed in the construction of the planned units, designed as an adjunct of the national defense program. It is expected that the mobilization effort.

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Illegal Burning at City Dump Witnessed

Black smoke arising from the City Dump at Western avenue and Plaza del Amo last Friday was proof enough for Border avenue residents facing the dump that the city, in violation of the smog control, is burning refuse at the city dump. They complain that burning at the dump adds to the health menace caused by the close proximity of the dump to homes.

Residents living in the area surrounding the dump have sought to have the dump closed at recent city council meetings, charging that the dump breeds rats, vermin, mice, and flies, which they say endangers the lives of more than 1000 children living within a few blocks of the dump.

Councilman Nick Draie has made the motion to close down the city dump and clean up the area, five different times, and five times Mayor Bob Haggard, and Councilmen Karlow, Harvey Spelman and Willys Blount have chosen to ignore the pleas of the residents and have failed to support Draie in his motion.

REPLY AWAITED

City Manager George Stevens has informed the Press that he is awaiting a reply from Standard Oil Company officials concerning negotiations with the city to use the idle Standard Oil dump in Southwest Torrance. The City Manager was not instructed in public council meeting to open negotiations for the leasing of another city dump.

At the last City Council meeting, a huge pit in Witteria belonging to K. Sande Senness was suggested to the city as another possible dump site. Stevens, however, said that this site, is not suitable for a cut and cover type dump operation, of which the present city dump is.

catch on fire, but that hasn't happened in a long time," said Stevens Monday. As shown above, something was burning at the city dump and the absence of any fire trucks indicates that the burning was controlled.

—Torrance Press photo.

'Border Ave. Dangerous' Say Citizens

Border avenue residents from Lincoln avenue to Plaza del Amo street, claiming the narrow half-street in front of their homes to be a hazard to public safety, will ask the City Council to take immediate steps to widen and pave that section of the street, it was announced this week.

A letter signed by residents of that area is expected to be presented to the City Council at their next meeting. It will ask that the city either buy or condemn the right-of-way adjoining the public street and now in the hands of private owners and pave it for use as a public street, according to Howard L. Perkins of 2407 Border avenue.

"The street in front of our homes is so narrow that two cars can't safely pass. It's not safe

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CAPTAIN J. R. 'ROY' WINTERS
Press Photo

Retirement Marks End of Long Service

Last Tuesday, May 1, marked the retirement of Captain J. R. "Roy" Winters from the Torrance Fire Department after 26 years of service to the city.

Holding the longest service record on the Torrance Department, Winters retired for disability reasons, never having fully recovered from an injury to his right knee suffered while fighting a fire at the General Petroleum refinery here in 1949.

On a three-week vacation leave prior to his retirement, Winters says that he's been kept busy taking care of his personal business.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 23, 1891, Capt. Winters came to Torrance in 1917. Joining the volunteer fire department in 1925. He was made lieutenant in the department in 1930. On April 17, 1933, Winters was made captain of the volunteers.

In 1934 when the Civil Service regulations concerning the fire department went into effect,

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SOLD

Paul McFarland of Los Angeles reported excellent results from the following classified ad which cost him \$2.

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OPEN STUCCO DUPLEX

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The duplex was sold from one of the many inquiries he received from the Press readers. The result was beyond all expectation.



WHAT A PRIZE! Pretty and popular Miss Cubie Bohanan, of 202 Arlington ave., Torrance admires one of the 45 trophies which will be presented to winners in the various classes of competition in the Torrance Area Youth Band's

—Torrance Press Photo.